the export of non-basmati rice for the period April-August, 2001 has been 2.48 lakh MT (prov.).

Incentives to Coffee Industry

183. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Wil the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the incentives proposed to boost coffee cultivation and promote good stewardship in the coffee industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): For development of coffee a number of Plan schemes are being operated by the Coffee Board during the 9th Five Year Plan. The Government of India through the Coffee Board, besides operating seveal Plan schemes and developmental activities aimed at intensive cultivation, replanting programmes, quality imporvement programmes and water augmentation programmes, has also been providing necessary support in the form of agricultural research, extension, arrangement of credit and finance and other necessary backup support like supply of seed for planting purposes etc. Furthermore since the coffee industry is essentially an export-oriented industry, a medium-term strategy has been taken up for implementation comprising a number of initiatives both on the production fornt as well as the market front.

Impact of US-Afghan war on Indian exports

184. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Indian export-import market has suffered a major setback owing to the uncertainities of the US - Afghanistan War;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any new strategy to help exporters - importers in view of existing war situation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the impact on foreign exchange earnings of the present war?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (d) India's export of merchandise goods during the period the April- Septemebr, 2001-02 was affected by the global economic slow down compounded by the uncertainities arising out of the terrorist attacks in USA and the US-Afghanistan war. India's export growth rate was 1.95% and import growth rate 1.81% during April-September

2001-02. A number of measures have been taken to boost exprots which include reduction in the export credit rae for both pre-shipment and post-shipment, special financial package to manufacturer exporters with an export contract of Rs. 100 crores or above for a period of one year from October 2001, extension of normal repatriatin period from 180 days to 360 days for exports made to Latin American countries for a period of one year and upward revision of duty drawback rates on a number of product groups. Export performacne is constantly being monitored and suitable measures are being taken.

Export of Minerals

185. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) the details of various minerals which are being exported to different countries from Orissa presently;

(b) the public and private sector undertakings which are directly exporting these minerals;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to take over the export from private mine owners / companies; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY) (a) and (b) Sir, major minerals that are presently being exported from Orissa by MTC, the canalizing agency of the Government, are iron ore and chrome ore. However, in order to bring in healthy competition and also in line with the progressive liberalized policy, certain private exporters who own iron ore mines have been allowed by the Government to make direct exports of the quantity, which is surplus to the requirement of domestic consumers and MMTC. These include M/s Essel Mining & Industries Ltd., Keonjhar, Orissa and M/s. Kaypee Enterprises Ltd., Barbil, Orissa. The details of exports of these minerals are given as under:

IRON ORE (Quantity in Lakh Metric Tonne)

Year	Quanity exported from Orissa
1998-1999	3.21
1999-2000	5.71
2000-2001	23.17